



The Mississippi Valley Collection

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg;

Thank you so much for your very informative letter. I'm very glad that you have been able to gather together all the government material that you have and that you are making it so accessible. If you do not mind, I will put your letter with our department's inventory of Sanitation Strike papers.

You asked what material the MVC has on Dr. King's assassination and so I am sending you two finding aids to two pertinent collections. The largest is for the Sanitation Workers' Strike collection, which was described in the Commercial Appeal article, and the other is for the papers of Charles Holmes. Mr. Holmes is the director of university/community relations here at Memphis State, but at the time of the James Earl Ray trial he acted as the press liaison for the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. When he donated this file, Mr. Holmes told me that this and the Sirhan Sirhan trial in California were the next trials of assassins after Ruby shot Oswald and that everyone was extremely concerned with security. He also said that the Ray trial set some precedents in this respect.

Sincerely,

Michele Fagan

Michele Fagan,
Curator